

telling them that they will starve under the Republican majority. Finally March madness could refer to the fact that yet another member of President Clinton's Cabinet has become involved in yet another ethics investigation.

Mr. Speaker, what madness is next?

CUTTING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

(Mr. POMEROY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, activities occurring in the 104th Congress this week make very clear the warped priorities and bad economics of the Republican's contract on America. The warped priorities are evident in the programs subject to deep and painful spending cuts: school lunches, day-care nutrition, drug-free schools, and several other programs representing an important investment in our next generation. In short, help for our kids that our kids need.

And for what are these cuts being made? Being made to finance a tax package to be voted on in the Committee on Ways and Means, a package that represents the more you make, the more you are going to get. In fact, this tax package makes it clear the breaks are going to be even more lucrative in the future. Consider it the gift that keeps on giving for America's most privileged and powerful.

So there it is. Cuts in programs for our kids to fund tax breaks for the most privileged. The contract for America is bad news for this country because it is bad news for our kids.

FCC SPECTRUM AUCTIONS

(Mr. OXLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to today applaud yesterday's spectrum auction conducted by the Federal Communications Commission. The broadband auction for personal communications services resulted in bids of more than \$7 billion, that is 7 with a "B", billion dollars, exceeding all previous estimates.

Pioneer preference licenses to companies using new innovative technologies resulted in bids of over \$700 million. As many as 300,000 new jobs will be created as a result of these auctions.

They have been more than successful than I ever dreamed when I first introduced this concept a few years ago in that auction revenues now will approach an impressive \$9 billion. This is \$9 billion that will go to the Treasury. Rarely do we see an idea whose time has not only come but has produced the kind of revenue to the taxpayers that this particular provision has.

Our full Committee on Commerce tomorrow will consider legislation to extend the FCC's auction authority by the year 2000. We plan to continue in that vein.

REPUBLICANS ARE NOT CUTTING SCHOOL LUNCHES

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I see where several of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle are up to their same old class warfare tricks. The gentleman from Michigan, the distinguished minority whip, said that Republicans are giving working Americans the cold shoulder. Well, the Democrats' class warfare will not wash with the American people.

Republicans are not out to cut school lunches. Actually our program will increase school lunches to the children of our country. We do not intend to cut the School Lunch Program. Our proposal will actually increase school lunches.

We offer incentives. Our proposals offer better opportunities. The Democrats offer the same old class warfare rhetoric with more taxing and more spending.

I urge the American people to look carefully at what we the Republicans are attempting to do, which is provide more school lunches for our school children.

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TAKE FROM OUR FAMILIES AND GIVE TO THE BUREAUCRATS

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, we are seeing a new version of Robin Hood displayed by the Democrats this week. They want to "take as much as possible from hard working families and give to the bureaucrats in Washington, DC."

Minority Leader GEPHARDT even called the Republican proposal to give a \$500 per child tax credit to families "an appalling display of Republican indifference to working people." This tax credit will benefit approximately 50 million families—90 percent of whom earn less than \$75,000 a year. Yet the minority party claims this is bad for working families.

Whose family would be worse off today with an additional \$1,000 to help make ends meet? Whose family would be worse off with \$1,000 to start a college education fund for their children? Whose family would be worse off with more of their own hard-earned money?

Mr. Speaker, it is time we start cutting bureaucracy here in Washington, DC, and returning control and money to American families. Despite what the minority party claims, the \$500 per child tax credit is good for all working families and I urge my colleagues to support it.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAYS). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 5 p.m. today.

ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 402) to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 402

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN CASWELL AND MONTANA CREEK NATIVE ASSOCIATIONS CONVEYANCES.

The conveyance of approximately 11,520 acres to Montana Creek Native Association, Inc., and the conveyance of approximately 11,520 acres to Caswell Native Association, Inc., by Cook Inlet Region, Inc. in fulfillment of the agreement of February 3, 1976, and subsequent letter agreement of March 26, 1982, among the three parties are hereby adopted and ratified as a matter of Federal law. These conveyances shall be deemed to be conveyances pursuant to section 14(h)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1613(h)(2)). The group corporations for Montana Creek and Caswell are hereby declared to have received their full entitlement and shall not be entitled to the receipt of any additional lands under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The ratification of these conveyances shall not have any other effect upon section 14(h) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1613(h)) or upon the duties and obligations of the United States to any Alaska Native Corporation. This ratification shall not be the basis for any claim to land or money by Caswell or Montana Creek group corporations or any other Alaska Native Corporation against the State of Alaska, the United States, or Cook Inlet Region, Incorporated.

SEC. 2. MINING CLAIMS AFTER LANDS CONVEYED TO ALASKA REGIONAL CORPORATION.

Section 22(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1621(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) This section shall apply to lands conveyed by interim conveyance or patent to a regional corporation pursuant to this Act which are made subject to a mining claim or claims located under the general mining laws, including lands conveyed prior to enactment of this paragraph. Effective upon the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Land Management and in a manner consistent with section 14(g) of this Act, shall transfer to the regional corporation administration of all mining claims determined to be entirely within lands conveyed to that corporation. Any person holding such mining claim or claims shall meet such requirements of the general mining laws and section